(c) The steps taken by Delhi Police to prevent bank-robbery/dacoity include deployment of Police personnel to check the banks, including security equipments such as burglars alarms, fire arms of the guards and CCTV etc, on daily basis; briefing the bank staff regarding the drill to the followed bank robbery; sensitization of beat staff to remain present near banks during transaction hours; deployment of one Police officer with motor cycle to check bank and security staff regularly, issuing instructions to banks to deploy additional security guards at such branches which are sensitive in nature; keeping sharp vigil during patrolling on banks prone to robbery and dacoity; collection of secret information and intelligence by deployment of staff in plain clothes; providing telephone number of Police Stations, Police Control Room and Police officers to banks to enable them to contact them in case of any emergency; distribution of educative literature to educate people; and sensitization of customers as well as other people through media to remain alert.

Infiltration in J & K

770. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Police foiled an infiltration bid by militants in October, 2006 when they arrested 10 of them before they could cross over to Pakistan-occupied Kashmir;

(b) if so, whether infiltration has been going on for the last six months and the terrorists have holed up in inaccessible forests and rugged terrain, obviously waiting for orders to strike;

(c) if so, whether according to Chief of Army and Chief Minister of the State, infiltration has increased and militants targets were mostly armed forces and a number of them were killed; and

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRISRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) As reported by the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir, on October 10, 2006, Security Forces (SFs) arrested 04 over ground workers active in Handwara area while they were attempting to crossover to Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (PoK).

(b) and (c) As reported by the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir, security forces have been able to foil 24 infiltration bids and liquidate 69 terrorists during last six months at International Border (IB)/Line of Control (LoC). Due to well organized combat operations by SFs/Police, the terrorists are always on run and change their locations very often. It is not a fact that armed forces were the main target of terrorists.

(d) The Government in tandem with the State Government, have adopted a multi-pronged approach, to contain cross-border terrorism/infiltration in Jammu and Kashmir, which includes, *inter-alia,* strengthening of border management and multi-tiered and multi-model deployment along International Border/Line of Control and near the ever changing infiltration routes, construction of border fencing, improved technology, weapons and equipment for security forces, improved intelligence and operational coordination and synergising intelligence flow to check infiltration and proactive action against the terrorists, within the State. The counter terrorism/ infiltration efforts are reviewed periodically at various levels in the State Government (including the two Unified Headquarters headed by the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir) and in the Central Government.

Maoist activities in UP, Bihar and West Bengal

†771. SHRI LALITKISHORECHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with the increase in Maoist activities in Nepal, their activities are also on the rise in the border areas of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and in West Bengal, posing a threat to peace in these States;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Maoist activists are getting active help and support from some political parties of the country, as well as from ISI, ULFA, Bangladesh and refugees from Bhutan; and

(c) if so, wjiat action is being taken by Government to check them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Available reports do not suggest that the CPN (Maoist) activities are on the rise in the border areas of Uttar

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.